

Parent Bulletin

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'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



After a long half term, we held our Sixth Form Open Evening last night. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet so many more parents and once again I left feeling so incredibly proud of our students who spoke so warmly about the school.

They enthused about the 'family atmosphere', the extra support that they receive and the new Sixth Form Passport/Enrichment Programme.

The thing that stood out the most however was that our students recognised the support of others, in helping them strive to achieve their goals.

The teachers who answer emails to help with essays and assignments late at night, the Pastoral team who are always on hand to listen, to counsel and to encourage and the science technicians who prepare equipment for experiments that make their lessons 'come alive'.

It really does have to be a team effort to make sure that a school runs to help its students achieve their best and I wanted to build on the tone set by our Sixth formers and recognise all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes.

At St Peter's our success is our students and once again last night showcased our young people and their amazing talent.

This week saw the start of the building work to refurbish our school chapel. Brand new LED lighting has been installed and next week we will see a new sound and visual system along with redecoration in preparation for its grand opening.

Next week sees the start of Year 11 mock examination week, you will find the timetable of examinations for next week later in the bulletin, we hope and pray that the students do their very best.

Our Christian Ethos encourages students to serve each other and I hope that our whole school population can see value in being somebody's 'Everyday Hero'

'Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering Gods grace in its various forms'

1 Peter 4:10

KEY DATES

18/10/21 – Year 11 Mock Week 1

21/10/21– Year 13 Teambuilding

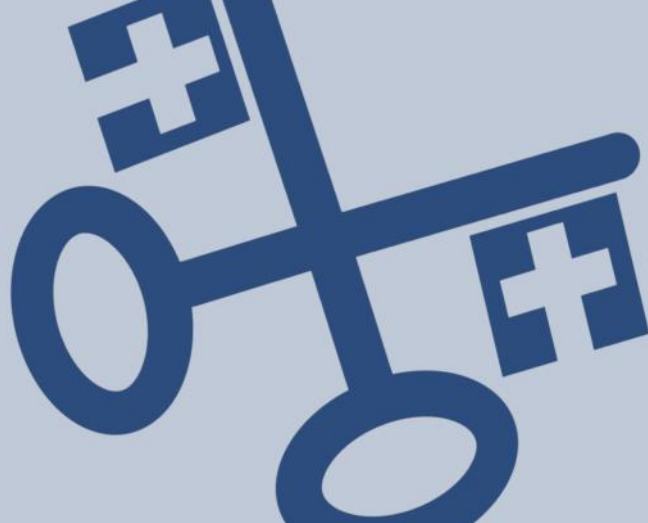
22/10/21– Break up for Half Term

01/11/21 – SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

02/11/21– Year 11 Mock Week 2

02/11/21– Year 8 Review 1

03/11/21 & 04/11/21- Senior UKMT Maths Challenge



BOHDI TAKES THE TITLE



Huge congratulations to Bohdi Shields

in Year 8 who won the U13s National Cross-Country Relay Championships along with his team mates from the Wolverhampton and Bilston Athletics Club this weekend. The race took place at Sutton Park and Bodhi ran the third leg (2.4 miles) which he completed in 14 minutes and 29 seconds - WOW!

Bohdi is a keen runner and runs at least three times a week including twice a week with his running club. He says he'd love to run a marathon one day.

What an amazing achievement, Bohdi! Keep it up and we'll be there to cheer you on at the London Marathon one day in the future!

SIXTH FORM EVENT OPEN EVENING

Thursday 14th October saw our Sixth Form Open Evening event go live. The event which was very well attended allowed our fantastic subject specialists to showcase what they have to offer at Post 16. Parents commented on the subject choice available.

The event which had two live presentations by the Principal and Head of Sixth Form also featured a live Q & A session with three of our super Year 13 students, Olivia, Grace and Rae-Kwan. The students spoke of their love for their subjects and the special pastoral support they get at St Peter's. The amazing support and guidance students receive from teaching staff was also a major factor for them when choosing St Peter's Sixth Form.

The application process which includes many student-teacher meetings and a thorough course matching exercise for Sixth Form, will now open after half term with staff interviewing students before places are offered later in the academic year.

Further details about the application process will be advertised on the school website in the coming weeks.



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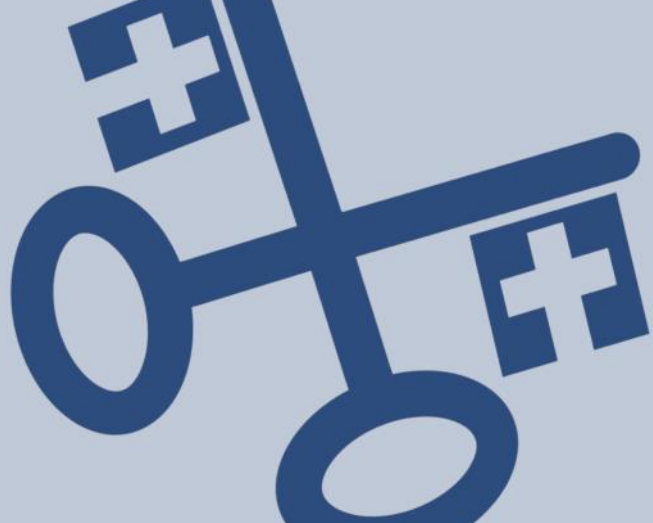
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OUR SUCCESS IS OUR STUDENTS



We are so incredibly proud of our students

and their achievements in school but we are also aware that there are lots of wonderful things they are doing outside of school that we don't know about. We would love to hear all about these achievements - whether they be a sporting, musical, artistic or additional academic success.

Please do let us know by filling out [this form here](#) so we can celebrate their amazing achievements.

RAE-KWAN –My Time on BBC Two's The Choir

During the first lockdown I was lucky enough to have been chosen to be on BBC2's The Choir: Singing for Britain. This all started when my national choir director sent out a message about a multiscreen choir for us to take part in whilst we were stuck at home. So I filled in the application and had to send in a video of myself singing. A couple of days later I received a call from the production company and they informed me that they were very interested in the story as I was one of the youngest members of the cast. They interviewed me about my life pre pandemic and how I was finding the lockdown. A couple weeks later, three or four boxes of equipment were delivered to my house to borrow for the duration of filming.

The filming process was very weird as I would have to get up early to set up cameras etc and we would have the production team talking to us through a headset from their homes, watching us online and because I wasn't 18 at the time we could only record during school hours. All of my sessions with Gareth were done through a weblink which the production team has access to so they could record sound and videos. One of the things I will never forget is the sound checks at the start of every session; I would hear 'Lean on me' playing through my in-ears and would be asked to sing along to it.

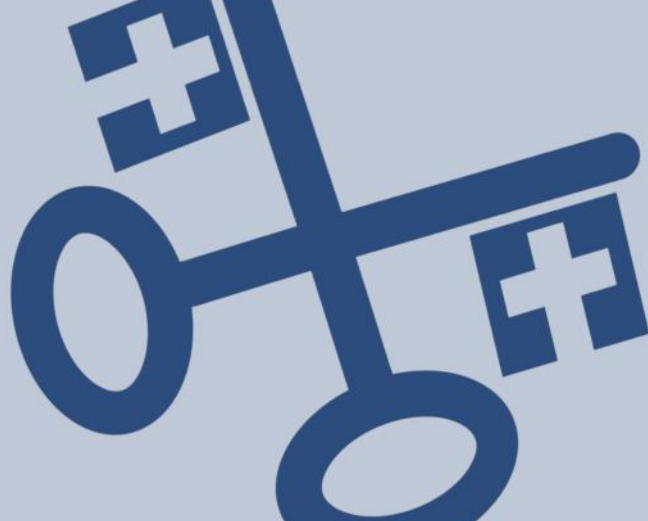
Over the 6 weeks of sessions I met five other people who were all having a different experience of lockdown and who were also writing songs with Gareth. In the end, Gareth invited them to collaborate on my song which made the song even better. Once the song was finished we then had to record it from our different locations around the country.



Making the song: <https://www.facebook.com/bbctwo/videos/2858896904220366/> SONG: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gw3loTdWXw0>

Reading Widely & Often Extract

- This week our reading extract is linked to World Mental Health Day. Our fifth extract taken from the book 'Notes on a Nervous Planet' by Matt Haig. Read the extract [here](#)



SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB RETURNS

The Sign Language club was set up last year and it was a real success. The students met one lunchtime a week and also practised at home and throughout lockdown. They learned a range of skills which they will find useful and also thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

At Christmas they performed the Shakin' Stevens classic 'Merry Christmas Everyone' which was part of the online Eucharist. The whole school enjoyed signing along with the group.

We will be recommencing the club on Monday Lunchtimes in the Learning Centre. Our aim is to work on another Christmas song for December and the Lord's prayer for the school Eucharists.



DOUGHNUT SALE HOPES TO RAISE FUNDS

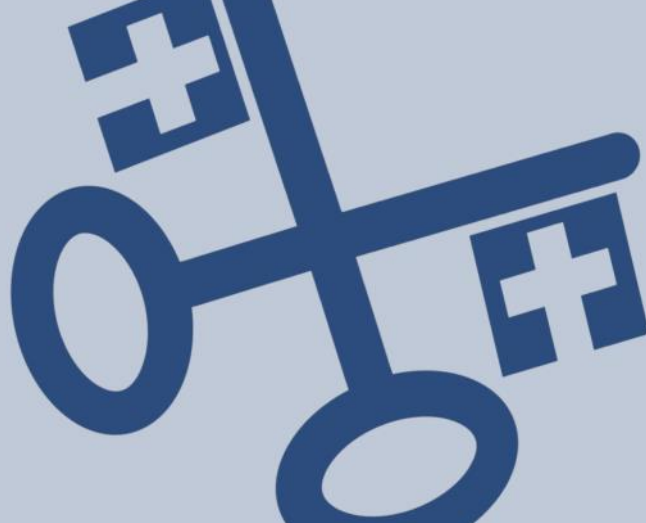
Friday 15th October will see an in-school Doughnut sale. The sale which is raising money for the charity Young Minds is taking place on Friday morning's break.

Young Minds have a clear strategy called 'You Matter' because, ultimately, that is what this is all about. We need young people to know that whatever they are going through, they matter and they deserve help. Each and every one of us needs to acknowledge that to those young people we matter and the role we can play is vital.

Fingers crossed we raise vital funds for a fantastic charity.

REMINDERS:

- We are now accepting applications for this years Parent Advisory Group [Apple Here](#)



SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC

Following the return to the music classroom just before Easter last year we are thoroughly enjoying being able to prioritise the practical elements of music that we had missed so much due to COVID restrictions. While it is fair to say that students are having to make up for lost time, students have demonstrated a really positive approach to these more practical based lessons.

In September we began a new approach to assessment in key stage 3 which means that students are given clear success criteria for each assessment so they can clearly see what their next steps are to improve during their preparation. These are provided in a booklet and students also track their musical skills on the ladders shown below. This takes into account both skills developed in the classroom and those outside the classroom such as in extra-curricular rehearsals or instrumental lessons

Year 7

Year 7 are spending the first half term developing a range of musical skills – keyboard skills, singing and arranging using Garageband software.

Year 8

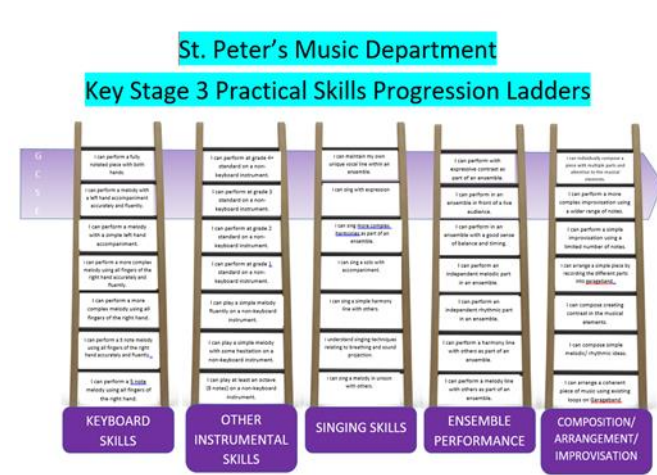
Year 8 are focusing on a variety of musical styles from around the world during this first term. They have just completed a practical assessment based on Classical Indian music and will now be moving through other styles such as Bhangra, Samba and Reggae.

GCSE

GCSE students have been focusing on the Areas of Study - Year 9 on popular music, Year 10 on The Concerto and Year 11 recapping all of the Areas of Study in preparation for their mock alongside performance and composition coursework.

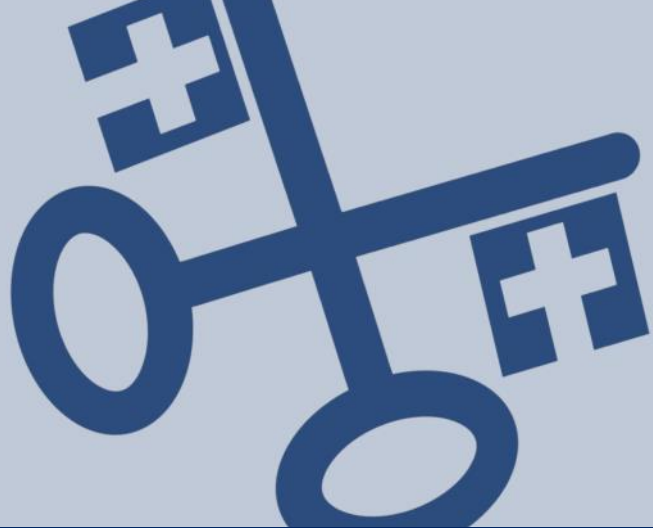
Options

With the options process beginning soon any singers/instrumentalists should strongly consider the Music GCSE option. Speak to your music teacher for more information.



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SPOTLIGHT ON MUSIC CONTINUED

Last year's cohort!

Huge congratulations to the year 13 music cohort who left in July, having achieved a fantastic set of results. All of the students from the cohort have either already gone on to undergraduate study in music (see below) or are in the process of applying following a gap year.

Anya Bradshaw

Studying Harp at
Birmingham Conservatoire

Charlotte Clews

Studying flute at
Birmingham Conservatoire

Caitlin Lacey

Music at Edinburgh University



We are now one of the only secondary schools in Wolverhampton to still be running a successful A-Level Music course.

Year 11 students achieved the highest percentage of grades 7-9 since the new specification began in 2015. Two of these students also managed to successfully achieve level 3 brass exams online during the summer term:-

Libby Yeomans: Grade 6 Trombone

Nathaniel Wardroper-Hughes: Grade 7 Tuba

We look forward to many more instrumental grades being achieved in the upcoming exam period.

St. Peter's Church Choir

A number of our students experienced a very completed a successful weeks tour to Truro in August

to sing daily services in the cathedral in their role as members of the St. Peter's Church Choir. The standard of music making was fantastic and a lot of fun had by all.

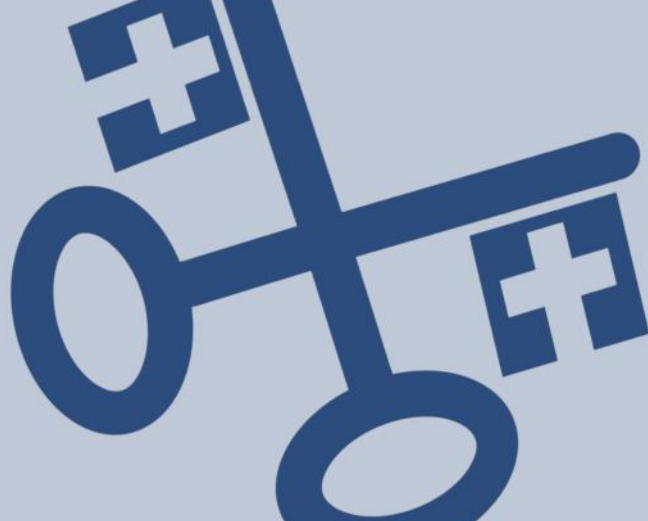
The next stop is Windsor during the February half term!

If you are interested in joining the St. Peter's Church Choirs please contact Callum Alger on wolvescentralpaish@hotmail.co.uk



REMINDERS:

- Students are reminded to take two Lateral Flow Tests per week and record the result on the government and school website



ENRICHMENT—SPANISH CULTURE CLUB

This week's Spanish Culture Club was packed with fun facts about the Mexican festival "El Día de los Muertos" (The Day of the Dead). The students looked at some weird and wonderful traditions, played games, and finished off with a treasure hunt around A Block searching for decorated 'calaveras' (sugar skulls) to gather clues to make a Spanish phrase.

Here's what one of our students said: "I found it quite fun as we learnt about Day of the Dead, and we did a treasure hunt around A Block to find colourful skulls for a yummy prize! In Culture Club, we learn about what things are like in Spain."

[Watch the video here](#)



YEAR 11 MOCKS START NEXT WEEK

Year 11 mocks start next week. All Year 11 students have been issued with a timetable and have been given information about expectations and routines for the mock exam period.

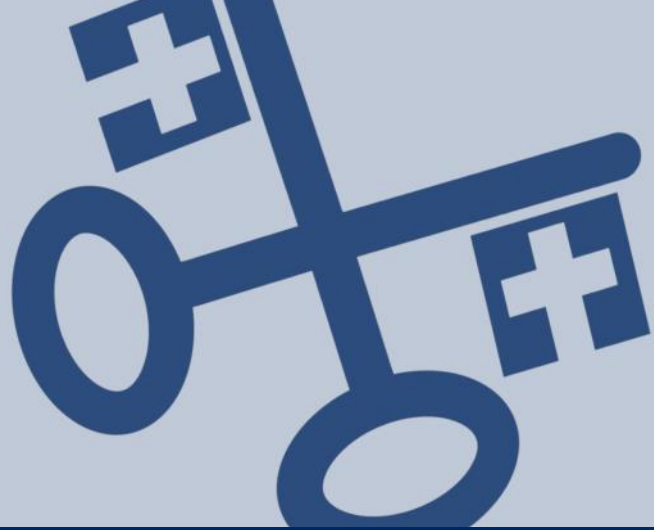
You can support your child with their revision at home. Effective techniques include:

- Flash cards to help with consolidation and testing of knowledge
- Topic focused posters encapsulating the key points/diagrams
- Spider diagrams to help form connections between points
- Online tests and quizzes to assess progress on specific modules or topics e.g. GCSE pod
- Working with a "study buddy" on a specific subject or topic
- Past papers to test exam technique and knowledge
- Online resources shared by teachers such as Google Classroom, GCSE Pod

[The timetable for mocks can be found here](#)

REMINDERS:

- Have you signed up for class charts? Email speters@speters.org.uk



STUDENTS TAKE A STAND ON GLOBAL WARMING

Caring for God's creation was the focus for members of St Peters Christian Union and Charity Team who met together to listen to ex-student Sandeep Bhardwaj and her colleague Lian Jacobs from the charity TEARFUND.

Students from years 7-13 heard about the work of TEARFUND and in particular the importance of living out our faith by taking a stand in looking after the planet and our global neighbours.

Sandeep and Lian explained how our lifestyle affects global warming which in turn causes life threatening circumstances for millions of people in poverty, who rely on growing crops to survive. "Those who contribute to the problem the least, are suffering the most" they stated.



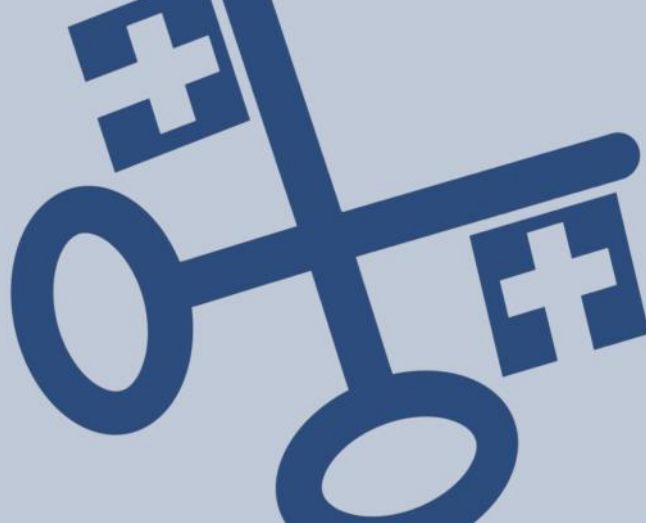
Students, such as Mia and Tatenda (pictured with Sandeep and Lian) were invited to show their concern by adding their names to an open letter being sent to world leaders who are attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference, also known as COP26, scheduled to be held in the city of Glasgow, Scotland 31 October -12 November 2021.

If we are truly living out our faith - thinking of our neighbours and "doing to others as we would have them do to us" (Matthew 7:12) here is a moment to #TAKEASTAND as part of our worship and honour God in the way we live our lives according to his ways.

To keep up with #TAKEASTAND events, follow the team on social media @WeAreTearfund

REMINDERS:

- Information on our curriculum offer can be found [here](#)



FIRST PARENT DROP IN SESSION TO RUN

St Peter's Collegiate Academy will be hosting our first parent drop-in of the year on Thursday, 04 November 2021 at 17:00 - 18:00 in the theatre.

The focus of the drop-in will be to listen to parents and carers about the academic data we currently share regarding pupils' attainment and progress during their time studying at the Academy.

The session will be hosted by Mr Arnold (Principal) and Mr Mullen-Furness (Vice Principal). The key areas of interest are; target grades, data regarding achievement and behaviour and, reporting. Each is an area we have identified for improvement this academic year. Your thoughts on these matters are highly valued and will help to shape our new practices over the following twelve months.

We will be limiting numbers to fifty to ensure we can listen to all views been shared on the evening. Please note there will be no presentation shared during the evening, the focus will be on collecting thoughts and opinions. We recognise that you may be unable to attend or would prefer to share your views using an online survey. Details of how this can be accessed will be shared in next week's parent's bulletin.

SPORTS RESULTS

FOOTBALL SCORES

Year 8 | St Peter's 6-1 St Dominics

Year 8 | St Peter's 1-4 Ormiston

Year 10 | St Peter's 4-3 Highfields

NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

Year 8 Football vs Bishop Challenor

Year 8 Football vs Smestow

Year 11/12/13 Football vs Highfields

Year 9 Football vs South Bromsgrove